

Towards Intelligent Condition Monitoring A Framework for Next-Gen Vibration and Combustion Analytics Case Study- Uniper Leiden GT2



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Introduction

Catastrophic Risks:

- "Sudden blade loss/damage in *fractions of a second*."
- "Unplanned downtime, **\$XX million** repairs, safety hazards."

Traditional Monitoring Gaps:

- "Misses transient anomalies (low-frequency thresholds)."
- "Reactive, not predictive."

Call to Action:

"Urgent need for intelligent, real-time solutions."

•"How would your current systems handle this type of failure?"



Failure Sequence

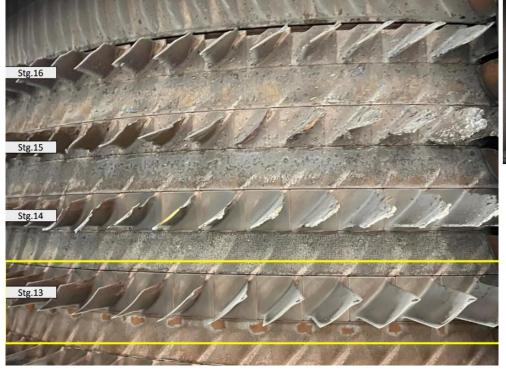
•Multiple failed restarts (4–5 attempts, tripped at ~6000 RPM / 10k RPM machine). •No vibration alarms triggered in DCS (levels below thresholds).

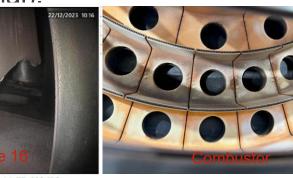
•Only clue: Balancing piston pressure spike during event.

RCA Findings•2 blades from stage 13 liberated

•High cycle fatigue (HCF) IN HPC Stage 14,15 & 16

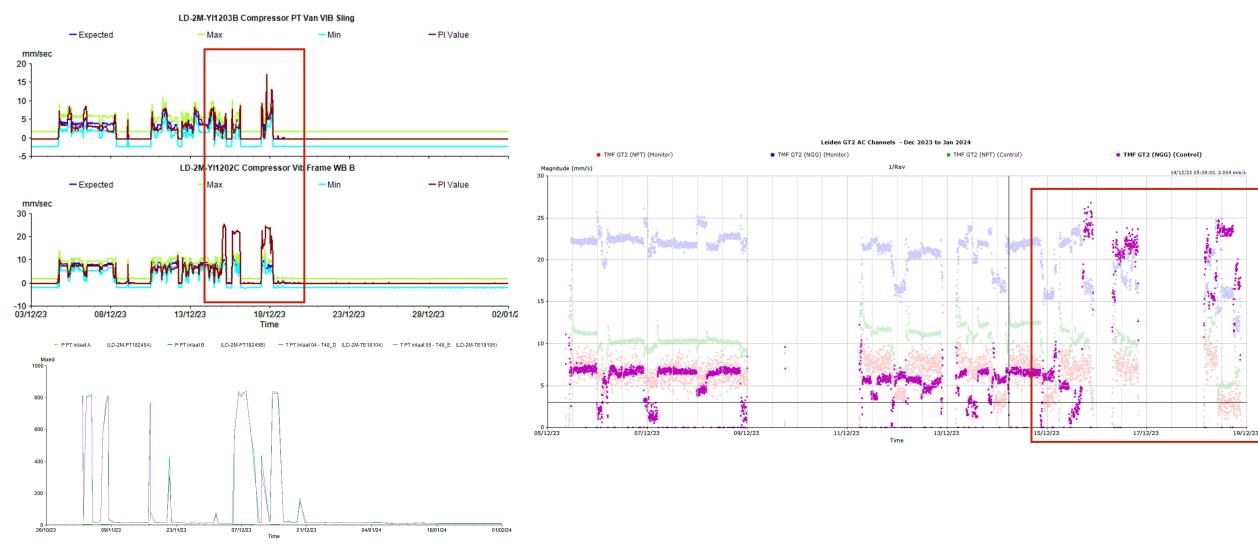
•No clear combustion anomalies (EGT/inlet temp normal).





	Observations
Row 01 - 12	No obvious damage
Row 13	Bleeds are clear no obvious signs of problems, 2 vanes missing by split line one half. Second half on area adjacent to missing vanes evidence of vane damage and crack could be impact. Damage to trailing edges. Evidence of material smearing between stages
Row 14	Damage to all vanes evidence of material smearing in between stages
Row 15	Bent and damaged vanes from impact evidence of material smearing between stages
Row 16	Damaged vanes due to impact mostly located on leading and trailing edges

What we know!



⁴ Uniper Advanced condition Monitoring

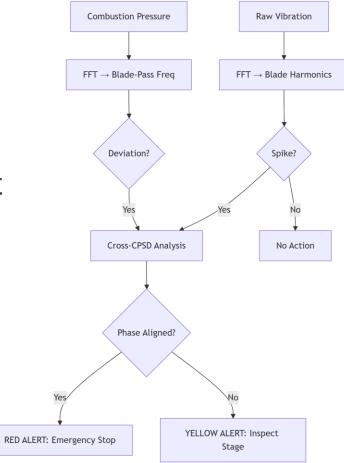
Online Vibration Monitoring System



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Intelligence Relevance

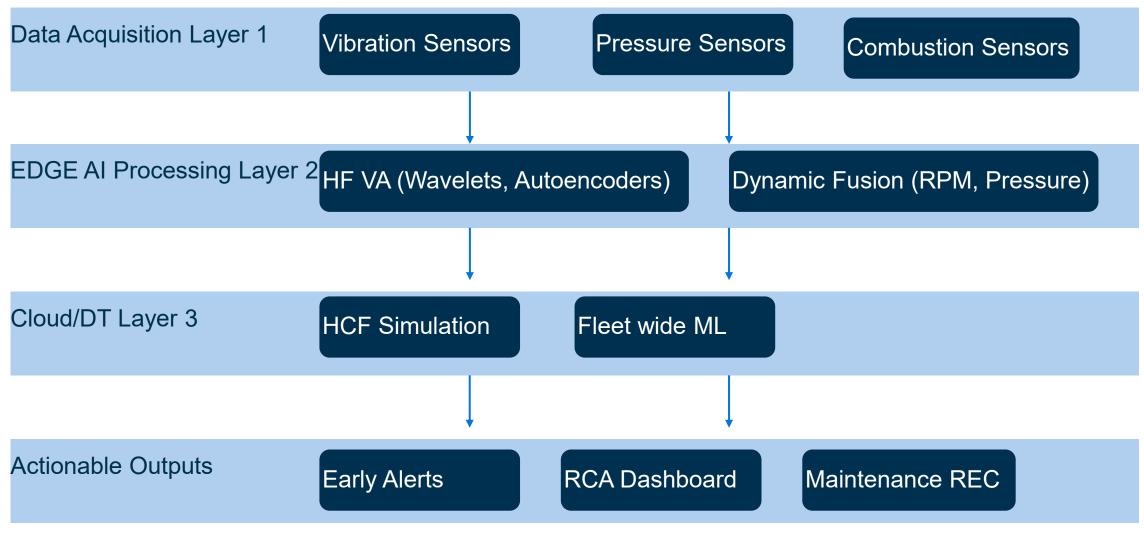
Overcomes single-source blind spots)
Distinguishes between failure modes (e.g., airflow disruption vs. pure mechanical fault)
Enforcing cross-domain causality—critical for transient events





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Proposed Detection Framework – Next Gen



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RCA did not find the cause!

"Where should we prioritize our efforts?"

Thank You, Any Questions?

